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LeasePlan, We Mean Business and Arcadis call on EU policymakers to step up and implement 1 million charging stations by 2025

New York, 19 September 2019 – LeasePlan, together with The We Mean Business coalition and Arcadis, today call on European Commission policymakers to step up and implement 1 million charging stations by 2025, in order to support growing demand for electric driving in Europe.

The open letter comes ahead of the UN Climate Change Summit in New York, and follows the publication of LeasePlan's new EV Charging Index, which reveals an urgent need for investment in public charging infrastructure.

Tex Gunning, CEO LeasePlan, Nigel Topping, CEO We Mean Business, and Alan Brookes, Group Executive Europe, Middle East, UK, wrote:

1 million EV charging stations needed by 2025

Dear President-elect von der Leyen, Commissioner-elect Timmermans,

One of the simplest ways we can tackle climate change and improve air quality in Europe is to make the switch to zero-emission mobility. 21% of carbon dioxide emissions in the EU come from road transportation, while particulate matter from internal combustion engine vehicles are a significant source of urban air pollution.

Switching to zero-emission electric vehicles (EVs) would eliminate both of these climate contaminants from our roads. But realizing the positive potential of EVs for towns and cities across the EU requires urgent investment. By the European Commission's own estimates, some 11 million EVs could be driving on European roads by 2025. Europe will need at least 1 million new EV public charging stations by then in order to give every citizen the "right-to-charge".

As LeasePlan's new charging index clearly shows, Europe is falling well short of delivering on this demand, with only 240,000 public charging stations currently available. The lack of sufficient charging infrastructure in Europe is already holding back demand for EVs and is in serious danger of undermining the EU's leadership in zero-emission mobility.

The European Commission must step up and act now on citizen demand for zero-emission mobility by investing in a comprehensive pan-European charging infrastructure as part of the upcoming Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Directive (AFID) discussions. A successful framework for action can already be found in the EU's own WiFi4EU initiative. With a similar, innovative funding model, municipal authorities could easily access support for local public charging infrastructure where it is most needed.

Only through such coordinated, decisive and timely investment in a comprehensive public charging infrastructure will Europe be able to deliver on its climate change commitments and continue to lead the zero-emission mobility revolution.

We urge you to act.

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Notes to editors

- Download the full LeasePlan EV Charging Index [here](#). The Index assesses EV and charging infrastructure demand and highlights the infrastructure gaps that need to be addressed.
- LeasePlan has committed itself to achieving net zero tailpipe emissions from its total fleet by 2030. LeasePlan is also a founding partner of The Climate Group's EV100 initiative, launched around the UN General Assembly in September 2017.
- LeasePlan's zero-emission mobility strategy has three key elements:
 1. Helping customers to make the switch to zero-emission mobility by offering 'full package' EV solutions, including charging infrastructure at homes and offices.
 2. Offering carbon neutral contracts via our partnership with Land Life Company. This enables customers to offset their fleet emissions as they transition to a zero-emission fleet.
 3. Transitioning the LeasePlan employee fleet to electric vehicles, with the aim of being fully electric by 2021.

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